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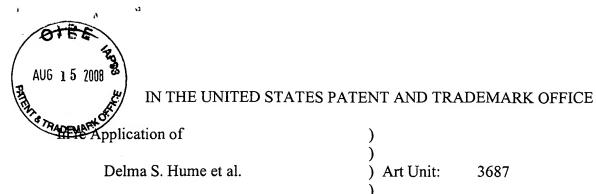
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT AND AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

This paper is filed in response to the Office Action mailed July 28, 2008. In the Office Action, the Examiner required an election between the following inventions under 35 U.S.C. §121:

- I. Claims 1-6, drawn to a method for accepting returns for credit against the sale of items classified in class 705, subclass 35.
- II. Claim 7, drawn to a method for accepting multiple returns over time against the sale of multiple items over time, and establishing the price of the items and the amount of credit available for returns associated with the sold items classified in class 705, subclass 39.

- III. Claims 8 and 9, drawn to a method of managing a business that involves selling items and taking back returns for credit classified in class 705, subclass 28.
- IV. Claims 10-11 drawn to a remanufacturing business method, comprising the steps of selling remanufactured items to dealers classified in class 705, subclass 400.
- V. Claims 12-14 drawn to a method for accepting returns for credit against the sale of items and establishing a liability for deposit classified in class 705, subclass 17.
- VI. Claims 15-19 drawn to a method for remanufacturing cores into remanufactured items classified in class 399, subclass 107.
- VII. Claims 20-21 drawn to a method for accepting the return of a portion of an item for return of a deposit classified in class 705, subclass 30.
- VIII. Claims 22-23 drawn to a method for a manufacturer to accept return from multiple dealers of multiple unspent portions of different items for return of deposits paid by the dealers classified in class 705, subclass 29.

Applicants elect Invention VI. Claims 15-19 drawn to a method for remanufacturing cores into remanufactured items classified in class 399, subclass 107, without traverse.

If there are any remaining issues preventing the allowance of the pending claims that may be clarified by telephone, the Examiner is requested to call the undersigned.

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